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In re application: Barbera-Guillem et. al. Group Art Unit: 1644

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Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY OF B CELL

INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTION OF A DISEASE CONDITION COMPRISING

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Dear Sir,

Applicants believe no fee is due with this communication. If otherwise determined by the Examiner, the Examiner is authorized to charge or credit deposit account 02-2051 referencing Attorney Docket No. 26983-133.

Amendment to the Specification

An amendment to the specification begins on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application; and these claims are subject to the election of species made in response to the requirement for restriction. The listing begins on page 4.

Response

Remarks pointing out support in the specification as filed for the Amendments to the Claims, and in support of the patentability of the amended claims, begin on page 9.